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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR UN CY TU

SUBJECT: OBSTACLES TO RESUMPTION OF CYPRUS TALKS

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1. FROM ACTING SPECIAL REP UNSYG GORGE DECEMBER 30 WE HAVE VER-  
SION OF PRESENT STATE OF PLAY ON INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS RESUMPTION  
SIMILAR TO THAT CONTAINED REFTEL.

2. VENUE: GOC REMAINS OPPOSED TO NICOSIA AS VENUE FOR CONTINUED  
TALKS FOLLOWING OPENING SESSION. UNTIL ABOUT A WEEK AGO,  
CLERIDES FOUND NICOSIA QUITE ACCEPTABLE BECAUSE (INTER ALIA) OF  
EASY REFERRAL TO MAKARIOS. FOLLOWING JOINT MEETING OF GOC  
NATIONAL COUNCIL AND COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, CLERIDES FELL INTO  
LINE AND NOW SAYS NICOSIA IS DEFINITELY OUT. GOC IS ADAMANT THAT  
INITIAL VENUE UNDER SYG SHOULD BE NEW YORK. THEY WOULD CERTAINLY  
PREFER CONTINUATION THERE BUT, PRIVATELY, ADMIT VIENNA IS  
POSSIBLE.

3. DENKTASH IS "UNALTERABLY OPPOSED" TO NEW YORK. HE WAS  
SUPPORTED IN THIS BY TURKMEN AND TURKISH CHARGE INHAN DURING  
SPEC REP PEREZ DE CUELLAR'S SOUNDINGS HERE LAST WEEK. IT IS

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GORGE'S GUESS THAT, IN THE END, AN INITIAL NEW YORK SESSION

UNDER WALDHEIM RIGHT AFTER PALESTINE DEBATE IS FEASIBLE, FOLLOWED BY CONTINUOUS NEGOTIATIONS UNDER PEREZ IN VIENNA, WHICH VENUE WILL EVENTUALLY WASH WITH TURKS. GORGE SEES JANUARY 19 THROUGH 29 AS PROPITIOUS TIME-FRAME FOR INITIAL SESSION. GORGE SPECULATES, HOWEVER, THAT NEW YORK AS VENUE FOR PROLONGED TALKS IS VIRTUALLY OUT OF THE QUESTION.

4. SUBSTANCE: ABOVE FORECAST, GORGE SAYS, IS CONTINGENT UPON DENKTASH BEING BROUGHT AROUND BY ANKARA ON SUBSTANCE OF TALKS. DESPITE AGREEMENT ON OPEN AGENDA AND OTHER AUSPICIOUS SIGNS AT BRUSSELS, GORGE SENSES THERE MAY HAVE BEEN SOME BACKSLIDING BY GOT. DENKTASH REFUSES TO RESUME TALKS WITHOUT "CLARIFICATION" FROM ANKARA ON WHAT IS EXPECTED OF HIM SUBSTANTIVELY. INHAN (AND TURKMEN DURING HIS VISIT) IN DISCUSSION WITH PEREZ, SUPPORTED DENKTASH, SAYING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM ANKARA NEEDED AND THAT DENKTASH CANNOT BE FORCED TO TABLE. THUS, GORGE COMMENTED, A VERITABLE RING-AROUND-THE-ROSEY HAS DEVELOPED ON TURKISH SIDE.

5. GORGE CONFIRMS UPSETTING EFFECT OF CHRISTOPHIDES' DECEMBER 17 LETTER. GREEK CYPRIOTS FOR THEIR PART VIEW DENKTASH'S RECENT REMARKS ABOUT "NO CONCESSIONS" AND FAMAGUSTA REMAINING IN TURKISH HANDS AS INFLAMMATORY. IN GORGE'S WORDS, BOTH SIDES THIS PAST WEEK "HAVE PUT A STICK THROUGH THE SPOKES."

6. PEREZ RETURNS TO CYPRUS FROM LEAVE JANUARY 2. HE HOPES TO BE ON HIS WAY TO ATHENS JANUARY 5 OR SHORTLY THEREAFTER. A TRIP TO ANKARA DEPENDS ON WHETHER OR NOT DENKTASH GOES THERE FOR CONSULTATION AND WHAT HE BRINGS BACK. IN ANY EVENT, GORGE AGREES IT WILL BE CLOSE TIMING IF TALKS ARE TO GET UNDER WAY DURING THIRD WEEK IN JANUARY.  
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